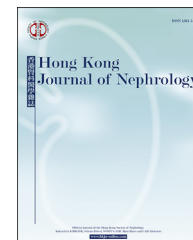


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## Editorial

It gives me great pleasure to write this editorial for this issue of the *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology*. I have been serving the editorial board as an Associate Editor since 2005. Through participating in the editorial board, reviewing and editing manuscripts submitted to the journal, as well as preparing the publication of each issue of the journal, it really provided me with a great opportunity to serve the Hong Kong renal community.

The journal was first published in 1999, in the year when we celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology. The aims of the journal were to promote clinical and scientific research in the field of nephrology, to serve as a communication channel among nephrologists in Hong Kong, China, and the Asia-Pacific region, and to record historical milestones in the field of nephrology in Hong Kong. In my opinion, the journal has indeed accomplished its original aims. Throughout these years, we received submissions of both scientific and clinical research from all over the world, especially from young investigators from Hong Kong and other developing countries. It provided a platform for our young investigators to publish their interesting research results. The Case Reports section also provided a unique platform for our young fellows to share cases of significant teaching points or scientific observations among our renal community. In particular, we encouraged our fellows to submit interesting cases that had been presented in our interhospital renal meetings. Important findings of the Hong Kong Renal Registry were also regularly reported in the journal. The journal has been an important source of reference for this. The Renal Registry of Hong Kong documented important data on renal replacement therapy in Hong Kong. This significant information helps the medical personnel of Hong Kong and other nations to understand how Hong Kong fares in comparison with the rest of the world. Last but not least, review

articles from prominent nephrologists also served as a source of teaching material in the field of nephrology for our young fellows and renal nurses.

All good things must come to an end. As we know, this is going to be the last issue of the *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology* under the current format. We believe the journal has already accomplished its task and has left a mark in the history of the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology. With the growth of open access journals nowadays, we encourage our young fellows and investigators to continue their research and to publish their excellent work in the different channels that are now available.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have helped us and given us continuous support throughout these years. I would also like to thank those who accepted our invitations as reviewers. There are also a lot of people behind the logistics of the publication and distribution of the journal. In particular, I would like to thank Ms Charlene Siu, Ms Pamela Mak, Ms Christine Chan, and Ms Laura Wong of my hospital for their secretarial support and administrative work in the preparation of each issue of the journal throughout all these years.

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